Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at:

[redacted] ST. ANTHONY ST.

We are now living at:

Address: [redacted] ST. ANTHONY ST. (FEMA CAMPER)

City WAVELAND State MS Zipcode 39576

Phone No. [redacted]

Our family consists of:

(4) JOSEPH [redacted] (25), JENNIFER [redacted] (24) (JOE'S FIANCE)

ZACKERY (3) HE WILL BE 4 ON DEC. 27, 05.

JOSEPH S. [redacted] 5mths old. BORN 6-13-05

Our Katrina experience was:

DEVESTATING, WE WOULD HAVE NEVER THOUGHT ANYTHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN. WE LEFT SO IT WAS FREIGHTNING NOT KNOWING IF WE HAD A HOUSE TO COME HOME TO. EVERYTHING IN THE BABY'S ROOM WAS BRAND NEW AND HALF OF ZACKERY'S ROOM WAS ALSO NEW. IT WAS SICKNING TO SEE NEW STUFF HAVING TO BE THROWN OUT.

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:

MY FIANCE AND I REALLY DON'T NEED ANYTHING FOR OUR SELVES JUST AS LONG AS OUR CHILDREN HAVE A GOOD CHRISTMAS. BOTH ARE BOYS ZACKERY 3 but will be 4 AND BABY JOSEPH will be 6mths WE WERE NOT ABLE TO SALVAGE ANYTHING OUT OF THERE ROOMS

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

Return by November 30th to:

Mayor's Office, City of Waveland, P. O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39576

To whom it may Concern:

I have just recieved the "Dear Santa" letter. I was very touched to know there are kind hearted people out there in the world who's willing to help.

My name is Jennifer [redacted] and my fiance is Joseph [redacted]. We have (2) children both boys Zackery who is 3, he will be 4 on the 27th of December. and Joseph [redacted] who is 5mths old but will be 6mths by Christmas.

We are currently staying at our address 640 St. Anthony St. here in Wakeland, but we are in a small fema trailer that we are thankful for. Plus it's right here by our house so we are able to work on it little by little. It can be difficult with two children but we make due. We moved in our house on December 20, 2004. We have not even been in the house a year. We got the house because I was pregnant and we were currently staying in an apartment. You can't raise children

in an apartment. We needed something that we could call ours. The house was built in 1988 but it was new to us. We are very lucky our home is still standing despite the fact it had 3½ feet of water on the inside and a few shingles were gone We are very blessed.

Now, as far as the inside goes that is another story. All of our material items are gone but they can be replaced. I guess the biggest thing that got me was our children's rooms. The new born Joseph's room he was only 2 months old. I had the best baby shower anyone could have ever had. His room was done in winnie-the-pooh. I had the whole set from the bedding to the highchair to the swing. Everything was brandnew. In his nursery it was very peaceful. I had a tan cushion rocking chair with ottoman. I could sit in his room and I could have rocked him forever. I miss that and I know the

baby does too.

As for my other son Zackery he was at that age where he didn't want mommy around. Zackery is from a previous marriage, but he took to Joe at first sight. Zackery was an independent child, as long as he could watch a disney movie and play his V-smile he was happy. We had just finished his room in spongebob, but now he's into spider man and bat-man. I was very surprised he was not that upset about his room. I guess that shows that I have taught him that his toys really aren't important which is good. He is happy outside riding his little bike, which we cleaned up, and playing in the dirt.

The most person I am thankful for is Joe. I can honestly say he is the most wonderful man I know. He works very hard at everything he does. He allows for me to stay home with the children

to me that is the greatest gift anyone could have. With my oldest son Zackery being a single mom is very hard. I missed out on alot of his infancy and I worked two jobs so being home with my second child and being able to watch him grow is wonderful.

Joe and I planned on getting married this June. Due to the storms we have had to push it back another year. Besides as long as we have eachother and everyone is alive and well that is the most important thing.

Even though my baby cannot spend his first Christmas in our house. We are all together and that will make his first Christmas the best ever.

Thank you for reading.

Sincerely.

Joe, Jennifer, Zackery.

baby Joseph.